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4 April 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: All NIOs

SUBJECT : DCI's Perspectives for 1976-1981 and
Objectives for FY 1976

1. The negative reactions which many of you recorded regarding the ICS draft of Part I of the "DCI's Perspectives for 1976-1981" were subsequently generally confirmed at the NSCIC Working Group meeting (see attached minutes-- item 4). As you will remember, a number of questions were raised during an NIO discussion of the Perspectives, i.e., what is the purpose, for whom are they written, are they really of value, should they be done at all, and, if so, by whom. These queries remain to be answered except for the last.

25X1A9a 2. This point was the subject of a recent discussion between [REDACTED] and General Wilson. General Wilson has now stated that he believes that it really makes better sense for the NIOs to assume the responsibility for drafting all of the annual Perspectives with the exception of Section III for which he will continue to be responsible. He urged the NIO to accept this task as part of the legitimate NIO function. He further noted that he would wish to be on the coordination list when the Perspectives are produced.

3. In accordance with the above, General Wilson has forwarded comments (attached) on the ICS draft Perspectives from Admiral Hilton, the JCS representative on the NSCIC Working Group; from Admiral Rectanus, the ASD(I) representative (OASD(PA&E) input); and from Mr. Ober, the NSC representative. Also attached where appropriate is each NIO's comments on the ICS draft, a clean copy of Parts I, II and IV, and [REDACTED]'s informal comments on Part IV.

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4. Additionally, the DCI's Objectives for FY 76 which were tabled at the NSCIC Working Group meeting, the minutes pertaining thereto (item 3), and suggested revisions from Admiral Rectanus and Mr. Ober are attached. In view of General Wilson's comment to the Working Group that the substantive Objectives were "essentially an NIO document" -- not completely accurate since we only commented on the ICS draft -- it is appropriate that a hard look be taken at them with an eye toward recasting them if appropriate.

5. Since these pieces of guidance need to be promulgated well before the end of the fiscal year, revised versions and/or comments on both the Perspectives and Objectives -- taking into consideration the NSCIC Working Group suggestions (if appropriate) -- need to be completed as expeditiously as possible. Please review these materials, revise if required, and be prepared to discuss the matter at the NIO meeting on Thursday, 10 April.

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Attachments

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